

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HENDRIK BLOCK,

Plaintiff,

v.

CALIFORNIA-FRESNO INVESTMENT
COMPANY,

Defendant.

Case No. 1:22-cv-01419-JLT-SAB

ORDER VACATING AUGUST 24, 2023
SCHEDULING CONFERENCE AND
REQUIRING PLAINTIFF TO FILE A
MOTION FOR DEFAULT JUDGMENT

THIRTY DAY DEADLINE

On June 30, 2023, the Clerk of the Court entered default against the only remaining Defendant in this action, pursuant to Plaintiff's request. (ECF Nos. 19, 20.)

Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 55, obtaining a default judgment is a two-step process. Yue v. Storage Technology Corp., No. 3:07-cv-05850, 2008 WL 361142, *2 (N.D. Cal. Feb. 11, 2008). Entry of default is appropriate as to any party against whom a judgment for affirmative relief is sought that has failed to plead or otherwise defend as provided by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and where that fact is made to appear by affidavit or otherwise. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(a). After entry of default, the plaintiff can seek entry of default judgment. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55(b)(1) and (2). "Default judgments are generally disfavored, and whenever it is reasonably possible, cases should be decided upon their merits." In re Hammer, 940 F.2d 524, (9th Cir. 1991) (internal punctuation and citations omitted).

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As the Defendant in this matter is in default, the Court shall vacate the mandatory scheduling conference currently set for August 24, 2023, (ECF No. 17), and set a deadline for a motion for default judgment to be filed.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Within **thirty (30) days** from the date of service of this order, Plaintiff shall file a motion for default judgment;
2. The scheduling conference set for August 24, 2023, is VACATED; and
3. Plaintiff is advised that the failure to comply with this order shall result in a recommendation that this action be dismissed for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **July 31, 2023**


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE